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Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2007, which appears to have crossed in the mail with Applicant's submission of February 26, 2007, Applicant has attached hereto a copy of its submission of February 26, 2007, which is believed to fully respond to the last remaining issue in this case, i.e., the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 5 and 14.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her time and effort in examining this case and issuing the most recent Office Action dated March 1, 2007, which confirms the allowable subject matter of claims 1-4, 6, 8-13, 15-20, 22 and 23. Applicant submits that the attached response of February 26, 2007, also confirms that claims 5 and 14 are allowable.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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